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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir,

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment which includes a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,652,720 Aulas et al. in the captioned application.

A check in the amount of \$328.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing additional claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-1030. A duplicate copy of the sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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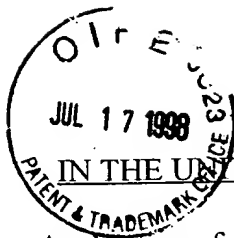
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Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application by adding the following

new claims:

--35. A memory device comprising:

a plurality of memory cells, each of which is readable by application of a read voltage;

and

means for determining a likelihood that the memory device has a degraded state by applying each of a plurality of read voltages to a terminal of a first cell of the plurality of memory cells to generate a plurality of read results.

36. The memory device of claim 35, wherein a group of the plurality of memory cells are arranged in a row that includes the cell, the memory device further comprising means for rewriting a previously stored value into each of the group of memory cells when the means for determining determines that the first cell has a degraded state.

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